

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A utility placket for use on a garment to be worn on the body of a person, comprising:

a substantially rectangular button strip, having at least one button fixed thereon;

a button-hole strip, having at least one button-hole positioned to receive said the button; and

at least one loop fixed to said the substantially rectangular button strip ~~or said button-hole strip~~, said the loop being adapted for holding an item and positioned so that said the loop is hidden when not in use, and the loop is fixed to a vertical edge of the substantially rectangular button strip.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is one of a writing instrument, spectacles, sunglasses and a key ring.

Claims 3-7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the a~~ length of said the loop is less than ~~the individual widths of the a width of the~~ button strip ~~or button-hole strip~~.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The utility placket as recited in claim 7 1, wherein ~~the a~~ length of said the loop is in the range of 1/16 to 1 1/2 inches.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said the loop is folded from under the button-hole strip ~~or button strip~~ to receive and hang the item therefrom.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said the loop includes a fastening device for opening and closing the loop.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A method for holding an item with a placket utility loop, comprising:

fixing at least one loop to a substantially rectangular button strip ~~or button-hole strip~~ of a garment, wherein the loop is fixed to a vertical edge of the substantially rectangular button strip;

positioning the loop under a button-hole strip so that the

loop is concealed when not in use; and
folding the loop from under the button-hole strip ~~or button~~
~~strip~~ to receive and hang the item therefrom.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a garment having a utility placket, comprising:

folding both ends of a utility loop under a substantially rectangular button strip of the garment; and
stitching the utility loop to the garment simultaneously with the button strip, wherein the utility loop is stitched to a vertical edge contacting the garment of the substantially rectangular button strip.

Claims 15-21. (Canceled)